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ENVELOPE

CDSN = LGX890 MCN = 93093/23945 TOR = 930931419
RTTCZYUW RUEKJCS2436 0931416-CCCC--RUEALGX.
ZNY CCCCC

HEADER

R 031416Z APR 93
FM DIA WASHINGTON DC
INFO RUEAHQA/CSAF WASHINGTON DC
RUFGAID/USEUCOM AIDES VAIHINGEN GE
RHCGSRB/COMUSARCENT FT MCPHERSON GA//AFRD-DSO//
RUEOACC/CDRPSYOPGP FT BRAGG NC//AORC-POG-SB//
RUWSMXI/AMC INTEL CEN SCOTT AFB IL//IN//
RUCJACC/USCINCCENT MACDILL AFB FL//CARA//
RUCQVAB/USCINCSOC INTEL OPS CEN MACDILL AFB FL
RUEQFAA/COMJSOC FT BRAGG NC//J2//
RULKQAN/MARCORINTCEN QUANTICO VA
RUEALGX/SAFE

R 031416Z APR 93
FM AMEMBASSY RIYADH
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 2247
INFO RUEHQM/GCC COLLECTIVE
RUEATRS/TREASURY WASHDC
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IS/FPC/CDR

DRP Date: 9/8/94

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() DENY IN PART
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PA Exemptions

MR Cases Only:
EO Citations

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() DOWNGRADE TS to () S or () C OADR

CONTROLS

C O N F I D E N T I A L RIYADH 02431

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

BODY

TAGS: EFIN, SA
SUBJECT: ARRIVAL OF IMPORTED NCB MANAGER HITS LOCAL
PRESS WITH A WHISPER

REF: RIYADH 1972

1. (U) SAUDI MEDIA NOTED QUIETLY ON APRIL 1 AN
ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK (NCB) THAT A
NEW SENIOR ADVISOR, MICHAEL A. CALLEN, HAD ARRIVED TO
"ASSIST THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT" OF THE BANK. NO
MENTION WAS MADE OF CALLEN'S NATIONALITY, WHICH HAPPENS
TO BE AMERICAN. THE ONLY NEWSPAPER HERE NOTED BY EMBASSY
TO CARRY THE STORY WAS AN ENGLISH DAILY, WHICH DEVOTED
THREE SENTENCES TO CALLEN'S ARRIVAL UNDER THE HEADING,
"BIN MAHFOUZ GETS NEW AIDE." NCB, OWNED PRIVATELY BY
SAUDIS WITH CLOSE TIES TO THE ROYAL FAMILY, CONTINUES TO
DIG OUT FROM BCCI-RELATED PROBLEMS THAT PROMPTED THE
RESIGNATION OF ITS FORMER SENIOR MANAGER, KHALID BIN
MAHFOUZ.

2. (C) COMMENT:

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END COMMENT.

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